

October 30, 2015

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours

Councilmember Aldama will be having his next Mobile Office Hours on **Monday, November 2nd from 5:00 to 6:30pm** at Challenger Middle School, 6905 West Maryland Avenue. We encourage you to stop by and meet with Councilmember Aldama. No appointment is necessary.

Glendale Announces Two Finalists For City Manager

After extended interviews with a field of five exceptional candidates for the position, the City of Glendale is pleased to announce that two finalists have been selected to move forward in the search for a new City Manager. These finalists, Kevin Phelps and John Pombier, will each participate in a full-day interview in November.

Kevin Phelps is currently Deputy County Manager in Pierce County, Washington (Tacoma area). Phelps previously served in the Washington State Auditor's Office as a deputy auditor and as an elected councilmember for the City of Tacoma. Prior to his tenure in government, Phelps was founder and managing general partner of the Landmark Convention Center, also in Tacoma.

John Pombier is currently Assistant City Manager for the City of Mesa, Arizona. An attorney who formerly served as a city prosecutor for Mesa, Pombier also was Deputy General Counsel to the Governor, and a prosecutor for the City of Phoenix.



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Both candidates completed an initial round of interviews in October. In mid-November, each finalist will meet individually in an all-day interview with Glendale's Mayor and City Council, as well as other city leaders. Once the interviews are complete, the Mayor and City Council will determine the next steps and timeline for a decision and/or offer of employment.

For more information about the City of Glendale, please visit www.glendaleaz.com.

Glendale Offers Resources, Tips For Safe Halloween Night

Did you know that children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year? In addition, seasonal decorations and costumes can be highly flammable and pose risks to your family or your home. Halloween is a popular holiday, with costumes, trick-or-treating and parties, but it can also be a time to be mindful of safety precautions to make sure everyone has a fun time and stays safe. Beginning Oct. 21, the city of Glendale is offering 'Be Safe, Be Seen' reflective Halloween bags, glow-in-the-dark bracelets and safety coloring books at any of the three Glendale libraries, which are free while supplies last.

The Glendale Police, Fire and Transportation Services departments have created a video to remind residents about important safety information for Halloween night. The video is on the city's YouTube channel.

- If trick-or-treating, remember to wear something reflective.
- Drivers should stay on alert, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- USA Safe Kids suggests children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.
- Be sure to show your children how to cross a street properly. They
 should always look both ways before crossing the street and should
 only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more
 than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when
 they cross a street.
- For the purpose of lighting jack-o-lanterns, use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends, not candles
- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat





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- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-ortreaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume so they can be seen while walking in neighborhoods.
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them.
 Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by
 phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to
 deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they
 will be.

Make the most of your Halloween festivities by following these safety tips from the city of Glendale. For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call the Transportation Services Department at 623-930-2940.

City of Glendale November Holiday Notices

City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: **Wednesday, Nov. 11** for Veterans Day, and **Thursday, Nov. 26**, and **Friday, Nov. 27** in observance of Thanksgiving.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day later due to the holidays. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, but open on **Friday, Nov. 27**. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro buses will run on a Sunday schedule on all of these holidays. The Gus Bus will also operate on a Sunday schedule **Nov. 11 and 26-27**, running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gus 2 and 3 will not be running these three days. For Dial-a-Ride service for Veterans Day, reservations must be made in advance by noon on **Tuesday**, **Nov. 10**. Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (**Nov. 26-30**) must also be made ahead of time - by noon on **Wednesday**, **Nov. 25**. Reservations can be made by calling Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500. There will be no Dial-a-Ride same-day service on **Nov. 11 or Nov. 26-27**. ADA service will be available on all three of these holidays, based on a Sunday fixed route schedule.

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Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be open on Veterans Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will be closed **Thursday**, **Nov. 26 thru Sunday**, **Nov. 29** for the holiday and annual maintenance. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600. The Glendale Adult Center will be closed **Nov. 11 and Nov. 26-27** for the holidays. For additional information on all Parks & Recreation services and programs, call 623-930-2820. For more information on Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

What is Glendale's Transportation Future? We Need Your Input!

Transportation is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, recreation, entertainment, and more! The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, which will lay out how the City's Transportation System will improve and change over the next 25 years: how vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and aviation will move, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made.

The more involvement and input we can get from residents, businesses, and visitors, the better the plan will be!

The City of Glendale is kicking off a public involvement campaign to gather resident feedback as part of the Transportation Master Plan update. We are seeking input on what residents believe should be the transportation Goals, Needs, Priorities, and Recommendations over the next 25 years. We will be attending events and directing people to an interactive website launching in early November to participate in short surveys and an interactive map tool that will help shape the plan. We will rely on email to let people know when we are attending events and to encourage them to visit the website and provide input.

Would you be willing to be on the project email list? Please contact Project Manager Patrick Sage (psage@glendaleaz.com) and staff will add you to the list and keep you informed of opportunities to participate!

Notice of Road Restrictions and Construction Activity: East Catlin Court Improvements, State Avenue, from 56th Ave to 57th Ave

Tri Com Corporation has been contracted by the City of Glendale to work on improvements along State Avenue from 56th Ave to 57th Ave. These improvements will consist of demolition, new sidewalks, ramps, curbing, along with new light fixtures and landscaping. There will be specific dates where your driveway may be impacted and a later notice will be sent to alert you of work in your specific area in front of your property. This notice will include dates and times of impact in your area. This project will impact the overall project area from **November 2nd, 2015 - December 18th, 2015**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Tri Com Corporation via the contact information provided below.

Tri Com Corporation (Contractor): Ian Carlson, 760-458-1107 ian@tricomcorp.com

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project? As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

If you would like to discuss your concerns regarding Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit please contact Councilmember Aldama by calling 623-930-2249 or emailing jaldama@glendaleaz.com.

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/

Bulk Trash Collection

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Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf

Coming Up

East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair

You're invited to join Councilmember Aldama and Councilmember Turner for a co-sponsored event.

A special East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 5, 2015**, from 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join us in helping to improve the neighborhood and learn about important city services and programs that are available to you. It will be a fun-filled morning with games, information and opportunities for you to get involved. Refreshments will be provided. Look for more information later this month. If you have any questions, please call Deanne Burt at 623-930-2813.

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Glendale Police Seeking Enrollment For January 2016 Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on Wednesday, **January 6, 2016**. The application deadline of **November 30th**.

The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to offer participants the opportunity to learn, hands on, about many Glendale Police Operations, such as the use of Police Canines, Crime Scene Investigations and Tactical Operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the Glendale Police Department's Administration, Police Communications, and Community Oriented Policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and completed applications must be submitted no later than **Monday**, **November 30th**, **2015**. The Citizen Police Academy is 12 weeks in length and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and Glendale Police Main Station. There will also be one Saturday class.

Applications can be downloaded and the fingerprinting schedule can be viewed from the Glendale Police website at the following link: http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/involvement.cfm#CitizenPoliceAcademy. For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3282 or via email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

The "Town of Dreams" Tour, The History of Glendale, Arizona

Join Arizona Ron for a walking tour of Downtown Glendale! Learn how Glendale went from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona in the last 120-plus years. Discover how Glendale grew from a few hundred to over 220,000 people and has still retained its charm.

Fall Dates: October 22 & 29, November 5. Tour begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tour Price: Adults - \$15; under 16 - \$5

Meet at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 (just north of Murphy Park).

After the tour enjoy a meal or quick bite at one of the many independent eateries in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Arizona Ron says "Come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk around Historic Downtown Glendale!"

For more details go to visitglendale.com or call 623-930-4500.

Inaugural Dia de Los Muertos and Health and Wellness Event in Historic Downtown Glendale

The Glendale, AZ Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomes you to the City of Glendale's inaugural Dia de Los Muertos celebration in Historic Downtown Glendale.

This exciting event will be rich with traditions, it's FREE to the community and will offer FREE health screenings and healthy eating options via an onsite Farmers Market in addition to a Trunk or Treat for the children to enjoy the tradition of Halloween.

In line with tradition, this two-day celebration will honor family members who have left the mortal world via an onsite altar for event goers to offer a gift and show their love for deceased relatives and will culminate with a procession.

When: October 31st, 2015 from 12:00pm - 10:00pm through November 1st, 2015 from 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Historic Downtown Glendale (Murphy Park, 58th Avenue and Glendale)

Why: Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is an annual holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and acknowledged around the world in other cultures. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey.

The City of Glendale recognizes the diversity that resides in its communities and is proud to host an event filled with rich traditions, while addressing key health priorities via FREE onsite health screenings. Onsite screenings will include: glucose levels, blood pressure and BMI indexes. In addition, children 0-17 will receive on-site fluoride varnish treatments and an on-site farmers market will be present promoting healthy eating options.

Event Features:

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Movie Screening, Procession, Health and Wellness Zone, Trunk or Treat, Arts and Crafts, Sugar Skull Decorating, Face Painting, Artist Mercado, Custom Vehicle Display, Ballet Folkorico, Mariachi and Live Entertainment

Visit DiaDeLosMuertosGlendaleAZ.com for more information.

Glendale Fire Begins Fire Prevention Series

The Glendale Fire Department will kick-off Fire Prevention Week this year with a Fire Prevention Series of educational classes. The next class available to the public is scheduled for **Wednesday November 4, 2015**, **from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** at the main Glendale Public Library located at 5959 W. Brown Road, Glendale.

Fire Prevention Week started in 1927 and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, a tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. Every year there is a theme and this year it is: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Room Needs a Working Smoke Detector".

For more information regarding the classes contact Dr. Janet Boberg at jboberg@glendaleaz.com

The "SILKSCREEN SIX" Come to Gallery Glendale

"The Silkscreen Six: A Monosilkscreen Print Exhibition" will be on display and for sale throughout the month of October at Gallery Glendale, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in October during regular gallery hours, Oct. 2-31, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This exhibit showcases the artwork of Jeremy Yocum, Jon Arvizu, Emily Costello, Manny Burruel, Janet Burruel, and Louis Giordano. Discover how six accomplished Valley artists uniquely approach this printmaking medium. You might even be tempted to purchase something to take home with you.

Monosilkscreen/Serigraph printmaking is a type of screen-printing in which the artwork is painted directly onto a 160 mesh silkscreen. By using a squeegee, the image is transferred through the screen onto paper. The process typically requires some preliminary planning and drawing, but once ink is applied onto the screen, the artist has only 15 minutes to complete the painting. This urgency contributes to a spontaneity that leads to amazing results.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call Glendale Public Arts Coordinator, Mojgan Vahabzadeh, at 623-930-3557, email Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

Downtown Glendale Sparkles, Shines, & Glitters As State's Largest Free Holiday Light Display Kicks Off November 27

What is more synonymous with the magic of holiday lights in the Valley of the Sun than Glendale Glitters? Glendale's award-winning holiday festival has become a family tradition across the Valley and state, and this year the 22nd annual celebration kicks off on **Friday**, **Nov. 27** and **Saturday**, **Nov. 28**, from 5-10 p.m. each evening.

The stunning display of 1.5 million LED lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Free admission and free shuttles make this beloved event family friendly.

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and everyone's favorite person this time of year - Santa Claus. The always-entertaining stage show will feature special honored guests to help flip on the lights, in the countdown lighting ceremony on **Friday evening, Nov. 27** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Opening weekend, free parking shuttles are provided from Glendale Community College (last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15). Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel. In addition, street parking in and around the

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downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

The festivities continue with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday through Dec. 19, from 6-10 p.m. each evening:

- Dec. 4-5: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights
- Dec. 11-12: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend
- Dec.18-19: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through **Jan. 9**, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Glendale Glitters is sponsored by APS, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, ABC15 - KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, Glendale Community College, Eternal Waters and Camelback Ranch-Glendale. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona*

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